

Sterling Hills Men's Club
October 2008 Newsletter

A Letter from the President

Gentleman, as we near the end of the 2008 golf season (only 2 tourneys to play) I wanted to reflect on this year and point out a few facts. With a club whose members totals roughly 175, it is amazing that we seem to only have 30 active members who participate in our monthly tournaments. That is a dismal participation rate of about 17% plus or minus. Those numbers need to improve or we risk losing our preferred status at Sterling Hills.

How can we improve participation? I call upon all members to provide suggestions to the Board of Directors. If you want to know more about what the Men's Club offers you, I suggest you check out the web site, SterlingHillsGolf.com, then click on **Clubs**. The site provides the Tournament Schedule, member benefits and lists the 2008 Board of Directors. Some changes to the Board have occurred recently. **Ron Heller (805) 384-0508** is now the President and Rick Bryant is the Vice President. In addition to the Board of Directors there are several committees, e.g., the Membership Committee and other areas which require assistance. I encourage you to get involved and help us to become a better club.

November begins with an Individual Tournament which will be played on 1 Nov. November also marks the start of our annual membership drive and member renewal season. Members wishing to renew must submit their membership fees by 15 Dec. 2008.

The last tourney of the year will be played on 6 Dec. and always proves to be a fun-filled event. This year we are calling the tourney the "Member Blender", where teams will be formed by the luck of the draw, or you can team up with another member. Following the tournament we will have lunch and hold elections for the 2009 Board of Directors. Everyone is encouraged to run for board positions or volunteer to help on important committee work. Elected positions are as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Chairmen, SCGA Delegate, Handicap/Membership Chairmen (the latter could really use a helping hand).

Finally, this tournament has become associated with "member appreciation" as we will be making drawings to give away all kinds of golf stuff, e.g., balls, shirts, clubs, etc. The entire Board of Directors and I welcome you to play in our final two tournaments and look forward to seeing you in the future.

I'd also like to inform all members that SHMGC is fielding a team for SCGA Team Play. Play starts in Jan. 2009. If you would be interested in participating please contact Brad Kane at 469-2336 or e-mail him@babmkane@adelphia.net.

Thanks, Ron Heller